



2008 YEAR-END REPORT

MISSION STATEMENT

Clermont County Public Library
connects our community
to information and a world of ideas.

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

I would like to thank the community for the support shown to their library system in 2008. Without the financial support of the community and volunteers, Clermont County Public Library (CCPL) would not be where it is today. I believe we have one of the strongest library systems in the state as a result of the community's continued generosity and their desire to better the community.

Over the past year, we've all had to re-examine our budgets, tighten our belts and do more with less; but through it all, I truly believe we will become a stronger community. The library has listened to individual communities express what they need and expect from us in times of economic distress.

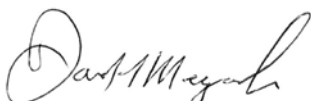
As a result, we have reviewed all of our library services, including facilities and automation. We have streamlined programs, added new ones and cut those that are no longer viable. Realizing that teens are an important part of our community, CCPL recognized a need within our teen community for innovative programs and services and created specific programming with them in mind. A new service that aligns itself well with our teen programming agenda includes the Nintendo Wii gaming stations recently purchased by the library. These will not only be used to conduct programs for teens, but also seniors, children and during family gaming nights.

The State Library of Ohio selected CCPL and our involvement in the Ready to Read initiative as an "exemplary project" for 2008. The Ready to Read initiative focuses on introducing pre-literacy skills to children by helping children become aware of and comfortable with books. The goal of the initiative is to provide public libraries with the tools needed to educate parents and caregivers on the importance of early literacy and to facilitate the sharing of books and activities that will help develop the skills necessary for reading success.

We evaluated the way we perform daily functions and are combining the reference and information desks with the circulation desks to help eliminate long checkout lines. In the near future, staff will cross train to help fill employment gaps. We have added more public computers, upgraded existing computers, and are working on installing free Wi-Fi and scanners at all our branches. The search for property around the Eastgate area to replace the Union Township Branch continues, while we proactively maintain all facilities to provide a clean and safe environment for all users.

The library is constantly adapting itself to provide services, programs and materials that suit the needs of the community – job searching, career guidance materials, entertainment DVDs once again without a rental fee, story times, book clubs, and Used Book Fairs to name just a few.

CCPL will continually strive to use your tax dollars wisely by operating efficiently and effectively. As always your comments and suggestions are appreciated; simply fill out a suggestion form at your library, speak with a staff member, or drop me a line at mezackda@oplin.org.



David Mezack
Executive Director

2008 REVENUES

TYPE OF REVENUE

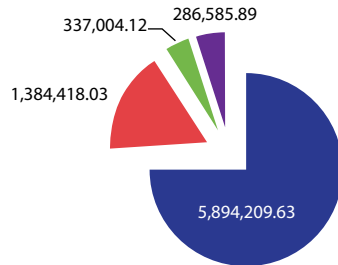
STATE FUNDING
PROPERTY AND OTHER LOCAL TAXES
PATRON FINES AND FEES
OTHER REVENUE
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES

AMOUNT OF REVENUE

5,894,209.63
1,384,418.03
337,004.12
286,585.89
7,902,217.67

PERCENTAGE OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES

75%
18%
4%
4%



- STATE FUNDING
- PROPERTY AND OTHER LOCAL TAXES
- PATRON FINES AND FEES
- OTHER REVENUE

2008 EXPENSES

TYPE OF EXPENSE

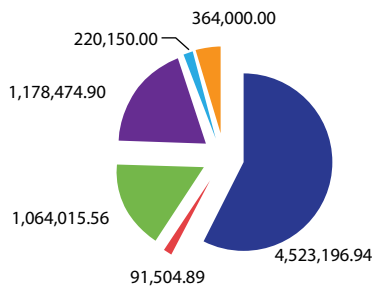
PERSONNEL EXPENSES
SUPPLY EXPENSES
LIBRARY MATERIAL EXPENSES
CONTRACTUAL AND OTHER EXPENSES
TRANSFERS FOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUND EXPENSES
TRANSFERS FOR DEBT SERVICE EXPENSES
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

AMOUNT OF EXPENSE

4,523,196.94
91,504.89
1,064,015.56
1,178,474.90
220,150.00
364,000.00
7,441,342.29

PERCENTAGE OF GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

61%
1%
14%
16%
3%
5%



- PERSONNEL EXPENSES
- SUPPLY EXPENSES
- LIBRARY MATERIAL EXPENSES
- CONTRACTUAL AND OTHER EXPENSES
- TRANSFERS FOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUND EXPENSES
- DEBT SERVICE

INCREASED THE NUMBER OF
LIBRARY USERS
 IN 2008 BY **7.47%** WITH **8,614**
NEW LIBRARY CARDS

123,412 REGISTERED USERS
BORROWED
1,518,771 ITEMS

MATERIALS ADDED
69,416 ITEMS

723 TOTAL **VOLUNTEERS**
 DEVOTED **5,688** HOURS OF THEIR TIME

2,168 **PROGRAMS**
 FOR FAMILIES, CHILDREN & ADULTS
 WITH **63,715** IN ATTENDANCE

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES USED
41,753 **SEARCHES**
 OR SESSIONS ON
DATABASES
 + 1,428 OHIO EBOOK CHECKOUTS

575,122
REFERENCE
QUESTIONS
& INQUIRIES
 ANSWERED BY
 LIBRARY STAFF

WWW.
 clermontlibrary.org
428,000
 WEBSITE VISITORS

THE LIBRARY'S
COLLECTION
 OF MATERIALS NOW NUMBERS
603,782

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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LOCATIONS

Administrative Office

326 Broadway St. , Batavia, Ohio 45103 • 513-732-2736

Amelia Branch

58 Maple Street, Amelia, Ohio • 513-752-5580

Batavia Branch – Doris Wood

180 South Third Street, Batavia, Ohio • 513-732-2128

Bethel Branch

611 West Plane Street, Bethel, Ohio • 513-734-2619

Felicity Branch

209 Prather Road, Felicity, Ohio • 513-876-4134

Goshen Branch

6678 State Route 132, Goshen, Ohio • 513-722-1221

Milford-Miami Township Branch

1099 State Route 131, Milford, Ohio • 513-248-0700

New Richmond Branch – Howard F. Flannery

103 River Valley Blvd., New Richmond, Ohio • 513-553-0570

Owensville Branch

2548 US Route 50, Owensville, Ohio • 513-732-6084

Union Township Branch

4462 Mt. Carmel-Tobasco Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio • 513-528-1744

Williamsburg Branch – Marion G. Crowell

594 Main Street, Williamsburg, Ohio • 513-724-1070